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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

Please replace the title of the invention with the following per the examiners recommendations:

ORIENTER FOR DRILLING TOOL ASSEMBLY AND METHOD

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph, per the examiners comments:

[0031] The clutch mechanism 40 may be activated bay a variety of different means to include an electrical, hydraulic, or mechanical signal. In the illustrated embodiment, the mechanical clutch mechanism 40 includes a first rotating tapered wedge section 42 with an internal contact surface 44 which frictionally engages a second rotating tapered or wedge section 46 with an external contact surface 48. The frictional contact between internal surface 44 and the external contact surface 48 is sufficient to transmit rotational torque from the drive shaft ~~22~~ 24 to the internal gear assembly 60. Those of ordinary skill in the art will understand that other types of mechanical clutch mechanisms or non-mechanical clutch mechanisms may be used without departing from the present invention. Such other clutch mechanisms may include electrical clutches or hydraulic clutches.